

REGARDING RM-10620 AND RM-10621, I FEEL THAT IF SOMEONE HAS BEEN A HAM FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, THAN THEY HAVE HAD AMPLE TIME TO STUDY AND UPGRADE. IF SOMEONE WAS AN ADVANCED IN 1975, SHOULD THEY HAVE BEEN UPGRADED AUTOMATICALLY TO AN EXTRA IN 1995? I FOUND THE TESTS TO BE CHALLENGING, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE. I FEEL IF A NOVICE CAN'T PASS A TECH TEST, OR HAVE BEEN INACTIVE FOR 10-20 YEARS, THEN IT'S TIME TO STUDY AND GET ACTIVE. THESE PETITIONS SOUND LIKE POOR ATTEMPTS FOR UNMOTIVATED PEOPLE TO GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. IN CLOSING, I THINK IT IS SAFE TO SAY I AM AGAINST THESE. THE CHANGES MADE IN 2000 WERE NEEDED AND ARE FINE THE WAY THEY ARE. JAMES T. FERRELL N8QOQ